

The history of the United States is filled with exciting stories, battles, and debates. While the words of the Declaration of Independence and Constitution serve as our guidelines, the spirit of the American people brings these words to life.

Declaration of Independence. The Declaration of Independence was signed by the Second Continental Congress on July 4, 1776. To learn more and read the text of the Declaration of Independence, [click here](#).

Constitution of the United States. Written in Independence Hall in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, during the summer months of 1787, the Constitution is a revision of our country's Articles of Confederation. It lays the foundation for the structure of our government and American laws as we know them today. To learn more and read the text of the Constitution, [click here](#).

Bill of Rights. The first ten amendments to the Constitution are more commonly referred to as the Bill of Rights. To learn more and read the text of the Bill of Rights, [click here](#).

Charters of Freedom. The National Archives offers Internet users with online exhibits detailing the most significant documents and events in American history. To go to the Charters of Freedom online exhibit, [click here](#).

Symbols and Celebrations. From the Star Spangled Banner to the American Flag to the Fourth of July, the spirit of the American people can be seen through an array of symbols and celebrations. To read more about these important symbols and wonderful celebrations, [click here](#).

Information about the 50 States and U.S. Territories. The United States is comprised of 50 states, many territories, and the District of Columbia. To read about the 50 states, [click here](#).

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